



Wisconsin Crop Progress & Condition

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More Rain, More Delays

Widespread rain swept across the state early this week, as warmer air brought storms and morning fogs. Precipitation was minimal in the northwest and welcomed across the southern part of the state, where soil moistures have been low. However, fieldwork ground to a halt across the northeastern portions of the state, as already muddy fields were doused yet again. Area reporters noted water standing in low spots and a reporter in Kewaunee County commented that even the high ground was too saturated to support machinery. Drier conditions toward the end of the week allowed soybeans, hay, corn silage, and high moisture corn harvest to resume in many areas. Reporters noted that an extended period of drying weather is needed to bring corn moistures down enough for dry grain harvest. Farmers were racing to apply manure and plant winter wheat in time for the crop to establish itself. The cranberry harvest was reportedly nearing completion statewide.

There were 3.4 days suitable for fieldwork statewide.

Across the reporting stations, average temperatures were normal to 1 degree above normal. Average high temperatures ranged from 56 to 61 degrees, while average low temperatures ranged from 40 to 46 degrees. Precipitation ranged from 0.95 inches in Eau Claire to 2.08 inches in Madison. If you are interested in further weather data, please reference the following sites:

- <http://www.noaa.gov/>
- <http://www.aos.wisc.edu/~sco/>
- <http://www.cocorahs.org/>
- <http://www.weather.gov/>

As of October 19, seventy-five percent of **corn** was mature and 11 percent was harvested. Corn for silage was 76 percent harvested. Corn condition was rated 74 percent good to excellent.

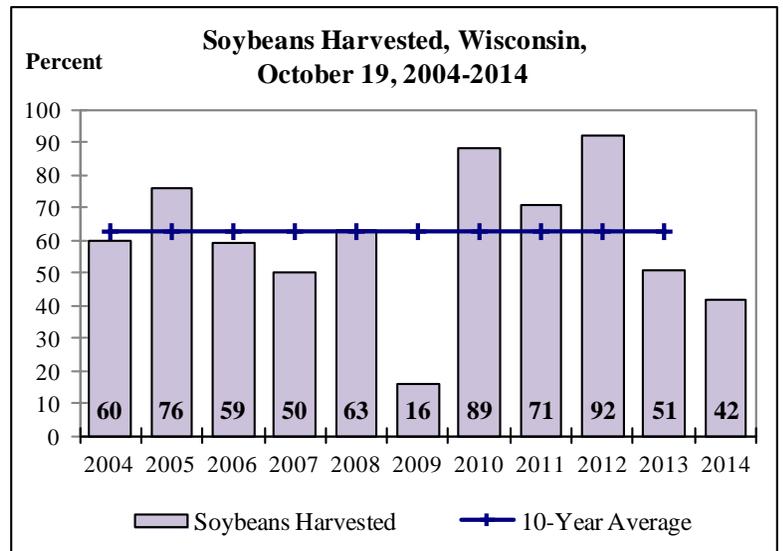
Ninety-five percent of **soybeans** had leaves dropping and 42 percent had been harvested. Soybeans condition was rated 75 percent good to excellent.

Winter wheat was 70 percent planted and 41 percent emerged.

The **fourth cutting of alfalfa** was 89 percent complete.

Pasture condition was rated 60 percent good to excellent.

Fall tillage was 25 percent complete.



Wisconsin Crop Conditions as of October 19, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent				
Pasture & Range	1	6	33	50	10
Corn	2	5	19	49	25
Soybeans	0	3	22	51	24

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Crop and percent of acreage	District average									State average			
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent									Percent			
Fall tillage	20	37	24	23	29	20	25	30	23	25	20	22	21
Corn in or past dent stage	95	90	94	99	93	91	100	100	98	96	94	96	99
Corn mature	74	48	36	82	54	54	88	97	86	75	66	77	88
Corn harvested for grain	7	4	2	9	8	3	15	23	10	11	7	26	35
Corn harvested for silage	65	70	52	92	86	59	96	98	89	76	67	82	92
Soybeans dropping leaves	97	93	96	99	84	93	97	98	95	95	90	90	97
Soybeans harvested	45	30	22	51	32	27	40	55	49	42	30	51	64
Winter Wheat planted	64	80	81	60	80	64	67	81	59	70	60	n.a.	n.a.
Winter Wheat emerged	41	47	41	31	56	41	44	43	32	41	28	n.a.	n.a.
Alfalfa hay, fourth cutting	83	68	94	90	94	86	96	99	85	89	86	83	89

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Conditions as of October 19, 2014

Item	District average									State average		
	NW	NC	NE	WC	C	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last Year
	Days									Days		
Days Suitable	5.5	3.4	1.9	4.5	4.7	2.2	3.5	2.5	1.7	3.4	6.0	3.4
	Percent									Percent		
Topsoil Moisture												
Very Short	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	7
Short	6	0	0	3	1	2	7	11	3	4	7	20
Adequate	77	65	49	86	85	55	81	85	88	78	80	67
Surplus	17	35	51	11	14	43	11	3	9	18	13	6
Subsoil Moisture												
Very Short	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	15
Short	4	5	8	7	4	2	10	10	13	6	8	30
Adequate	81	65	55	87	79	59	88	85	84	80	81	53
Surplus	15	30	37	6	16	39	1	4	3	14	11	2

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Selected Quotes from Farm Reporters and County Ag Agents

All comments are used in creating this report, but only a few are published below.

BARRON-D.B.: Great week of weather.

BAYFIELD-C.B.: Fields are still wet, although starting to dry some. The warmer weather this week has helped the drying process. Corn silage harvest is well under way despite the wet field conditions. Most of the corn in the area looks good, although very little corn has been harvested for grain yet, so no information is available on yields.

MARATHON-G.M.: 1.5 inches of rain last week, cool temps. Winter wheat - probably not much more will be planted, getting too late. Water standing in bean fields, need dry weather to harvest.

MARINETTE-N.S.: Some soybeans fields have been harvested and corn silage progress is continuing. Last week's wet weather slowed progress in all areas. Starting to see more fall tillage being done.

SHAWANO-J.N.: Not much was accomplished this past week with the 2.5 inches of rain we had. It will be a challenge with the remaining harvesting that needs to be done.

LA CROSSE-I.H.: Rain at the beginning of the week kept farmers out of the fields. Total rainfall in our area was 2.3 inches. There was 2.0 inches the week before. Needless to say the soil is very moist, making it difficult to harvest anything. Beautiful sunsets remind us that there is promise for tomorrow.

ST CROIX-D.K.: Nice dry weather moved soybean harvest along. Several are finished with generally good yields. Some corn has been combined but not very much.

PORTAGE-J.B.: Besides corn silage, it's a waiting game in this area. Corn and soybean moistures are still very high due to the late spring and simply no heat units this summer. Have to get the soybeans off but a lot of corn will be combined in the snow again this year.

DOOR-R.S.: Got 3.25 inches of rain last week.

FOND DU LAC-B.B.: 1.85 inches rain for the period brought field work to a halt just as the soybean harvest was in full swing. There is some mold concern for the corn whose ears haven't yet tipped. We definitely need more good drying weather.

VERNON-K.L.: Rain in the amounts between 2-3 inches throughout the county stopped much of crop harvesting this week. Soybean yields reported to be less than expected.

DODGE-R.H.: Got 2.0 inches of rain in 6 days. Damp, wet week. Looking for sunny, dry weather.

WASHINGTON-K.R.: Rain kept us out of the fields last week.

WAUKESHA-R.F.: Got 2.5 inches of rain in 2 days.

Wisconsin Weekly Weather, Selected Cities, Ending as of 7:00 a.m. on October 19, 2014

City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base 50) 1/		Precipitation				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	Mar. 1 to Oct. 18	Mar. 1 to Oct. 18 normal*	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Year to date	Year dep. from normal *
Eau Claire	60	40	68	31	50	+1	2632	2540	0.95	7.41	+2.34	40.08	+11.86
Green Bay	56	43	62	33	49	+0	2412	2400	1.53	7.09	+2.75	27.81	+3.20
La Crosse	61	44	70	37	53	+1	3087	2874	1.74	5.81	+1.13	35.29	+7.06
Madison	60	45	66	33	52	+1	2860	2831	2.08	4.72	+0.43	32.53	+4.49
Milwaukee	59	46	66	35	53	+0	2530	n.a.	1.86	3.78	-0.94	29.07	+0.29

1/ Formula used: GDD = (daily maximum (86°) + daily minimum (50°))/2-50°; where 86° is used if the maximum exceeds 86° and 50° is used if the minimum falls below 50°. *Normal based on 1971-2000 data. Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>. n.a.=not available. T=trace

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